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SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON I-89 SOUTHBOUND IN BOW
AIM IS TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC APPROACHING I-93

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Safety, announces plans to implement a 55 miles per hour speed limit zone on a section of Interstate 89 southbound in Bow. The current speed limit on I-89 southbound in Bow as the Interstate approaches I-93 transitions from 65 MPH to 40 MPH approaching Exit 1, and further reduces to 35 MPH following the ramp to I-93 southbound.

The new 55 MPH speed zone will be located south of Exit 2 and is expected to be in effect with the placement of new signs on Friday, July 30, 2004. Motorists on I-89 southbound in Bow can expect to see speed limit reductions from 65 MPH to 55 MPH to 40 MPH. In addition, diamond-shaped fluorescent yellow signs will be posted that will alert motorists to "Reduced Speed Ahead."

The change is in response to ongoing safety concerns about vehicle speeds approaching the end of I-89. Several conditions exist at this location, including high traffic volumes and entering and exiting traffic, to warrant reduced speeds. The new 55 MPH interim speed limit is aimed at giving advance notice of the need to reduce speeds approaching the interchange.

Following a review by a NHDOT safety surveillance team, Department of Transportation representatives met with officials from the Town of Bow and New Hampshire State Police Troop D to discuss possible short and long-term options and recommendations. This is the first change resulting from that review.